

**Upper Rappahannock
River Basin
Total Maximum Daily
Load Study**

Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions and Review of TMDL Process**

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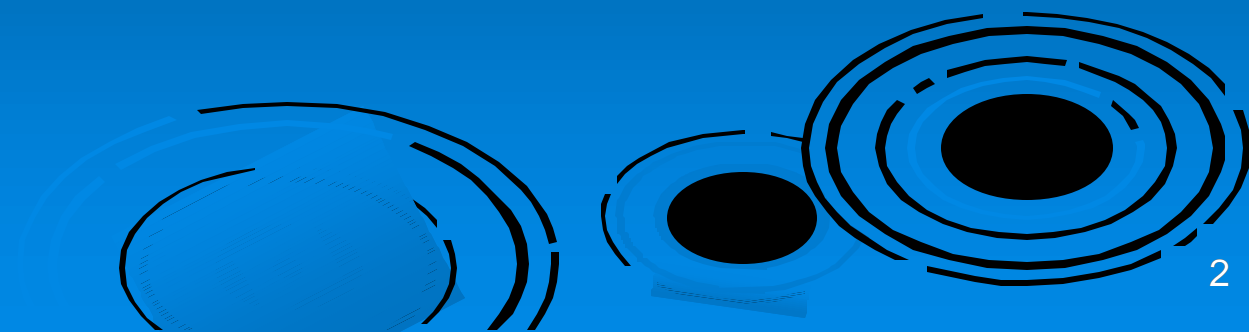
- **Review of Source Assessment, Model, and Presentation of Draft TMDLs**

Byron Petrauskas, Engineering Concepts, Inc.

- **Discussion of Implementation of TMDLs**

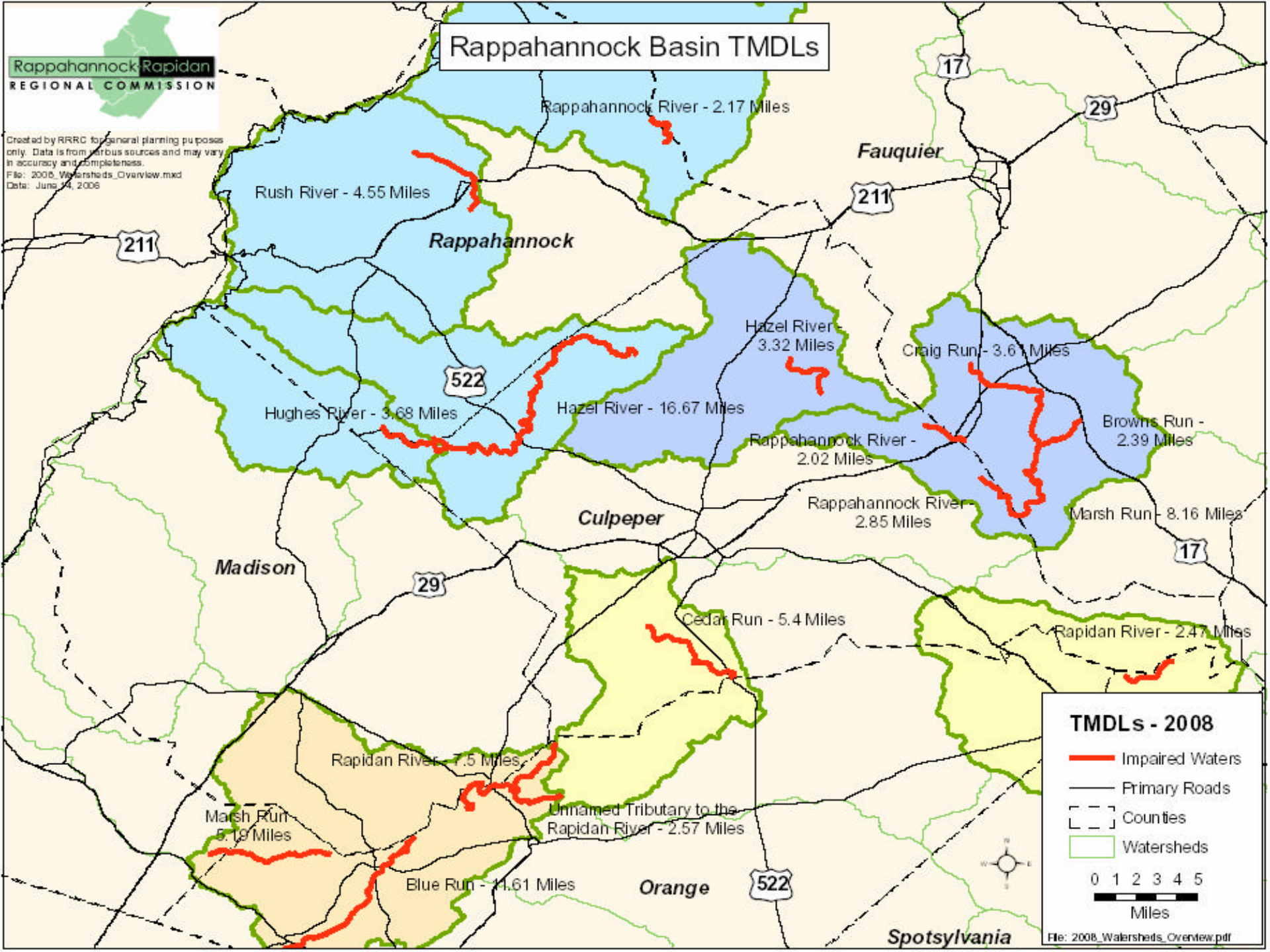
May Sligh, VA Department of Conservation and Recreation

- **Questions**



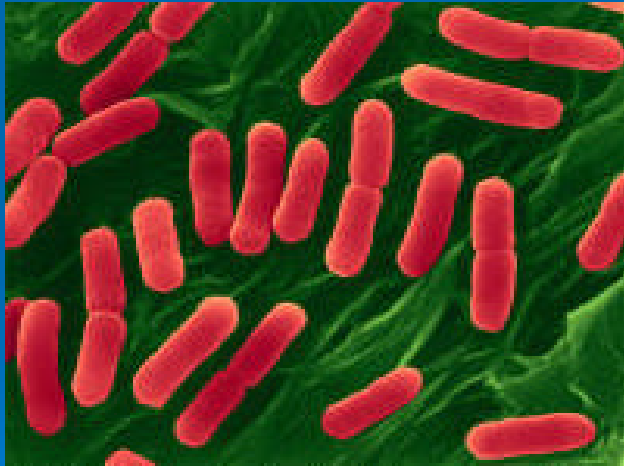
Why are we here?

- Periodically, the Department of Environmental Quality assesses water sampling data, by comparison to standards, and reports the status or health of Virginia streams to U.S. EPA and the public.
- The impaired or problem waters are listed in an EPA report called the 303(d) Impaired Waters List.
- Once problem waters are identified, Virginia must determine how to reduce pollution so the water meets water quality standards.
- Purpose of the Project: To develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for 16 bacteria impaired stream segments in the Upper Rappahannock River Basin.



Fecal Coliform Bacteria and *E. coli* Bacteria

- For primary contact recreation use, waters are assessed using fecal coliform and *E. coli* bacteria measurements*.



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Fecal bacteria:

- Found in the digestive tract of humans and warm blooded animals.
- Indicator of the potential presence of pathogens in waterbodies.

E. coli:

- subset of fecal coliform bacteria.
- correlate better with swimming-associated illness.

* *In order for a waterbody to be listed as impaired:*

- *There must be at least two samples that exceed the water quality criterion.*
- *Greater than 10.5% of the total samples must be exceedances.*

Summary of Changes in Primary Contact Criteria

| Indicator | Status | Instantaneous Maximum (cfu/100mL) | Geometric Mean (cfu/100 mL) |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fecal Coliform | Old | 1,000 | 200 |
| Fecal Coliform | Interim | 400 | 200 |
| <i>E. coli</i> | New | 235 | 126 |

- Changes went into effect on January 15, 2003
- Both New *E. coli* and Interim Fecal Coliform criteria apply
- Fecal coliform criteria will be phased out entirely once 12 *E. coli* samples have been collected or after June 30, 2008

What is a **TMDL** ?

Total Maximum Daily Load

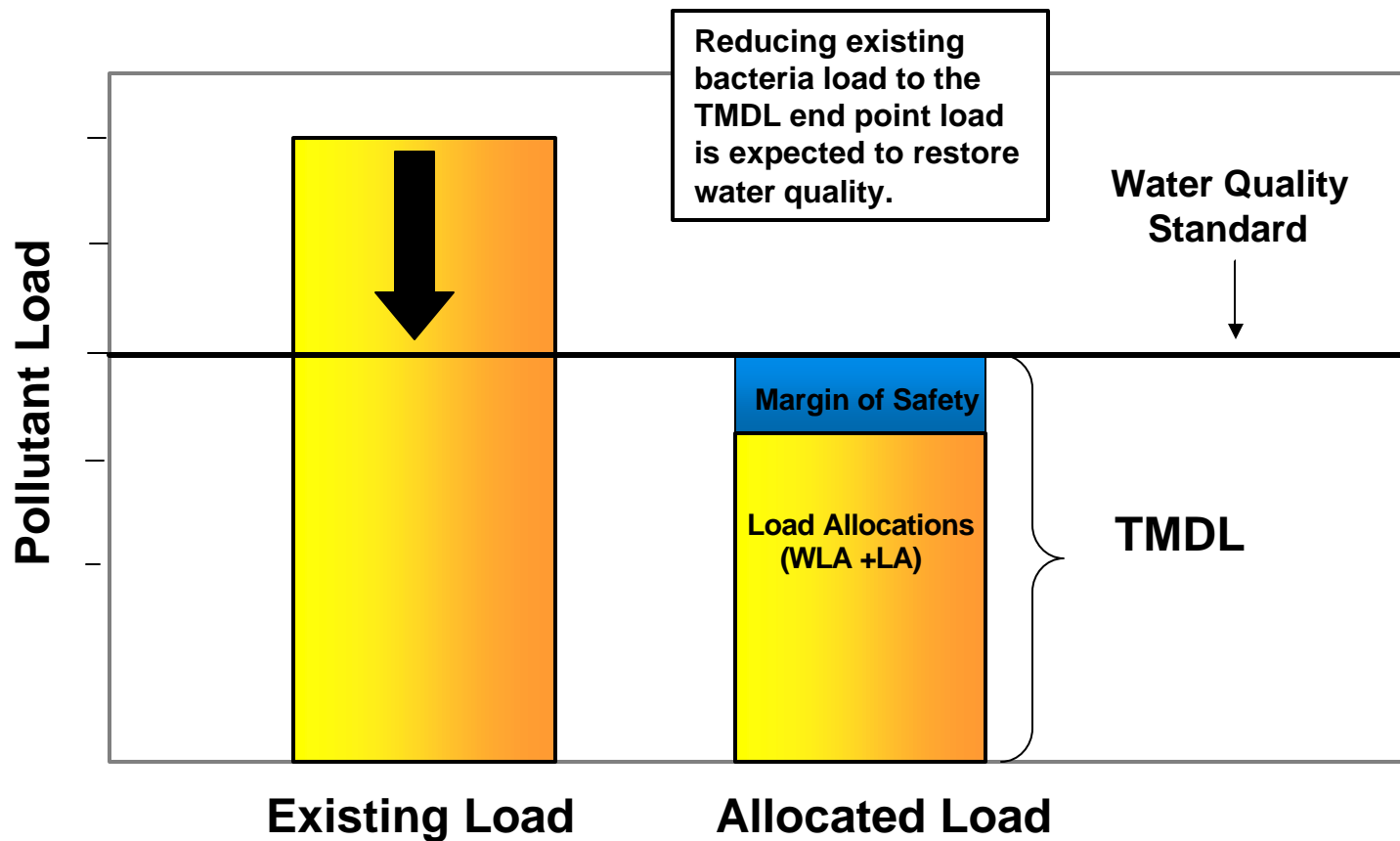
A TMDL is a pollution budget:

$$\text{TMDL} = \text{Sum of WLA} + \text{Sum of LA} + \text{MOS}$$

Where:

| | | |
|------|---|---------------------------------------|
| TMDL | = | Total Maximum Daily Load |
| WLA | = | Waste Load Allocation (point sources) |
| LA | = | Load Allocation (nonpoint sources) |
| MOS | = | Margin of Safety |

An Example TMDL



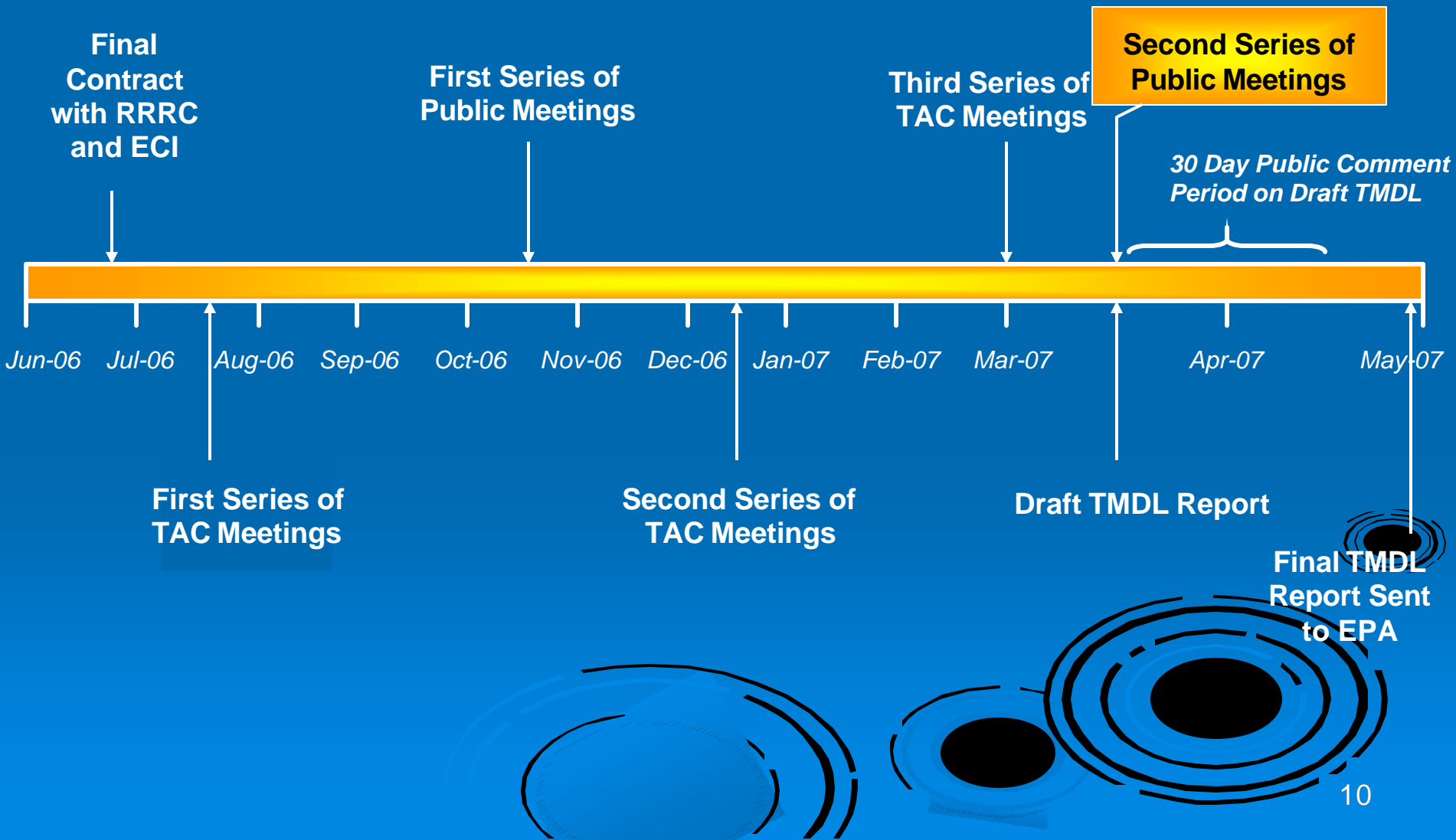
Three Step TMDL Process in Virginia

1. TMDL Development - find the source of the pollutant & determine the reduction needed.

2. Implementation Plan Development - identify conservation measures to fix the problem. Conservation measures are often called Best Management Practices or BMPs.

3. Implement the BMPs and sample to see improvement.

Upper Rappahannock River Basin TMDL Project Milestones



Public Comment Period

- **Public Comment Period for Public Meetings – Comments on the Draft TMDL Report and materials presented at the public meetings: March 19, 2007 to April 18, 2007**
- **DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received by DEQ during the comment period.**
- **Send all comments to Katie Conaway:**
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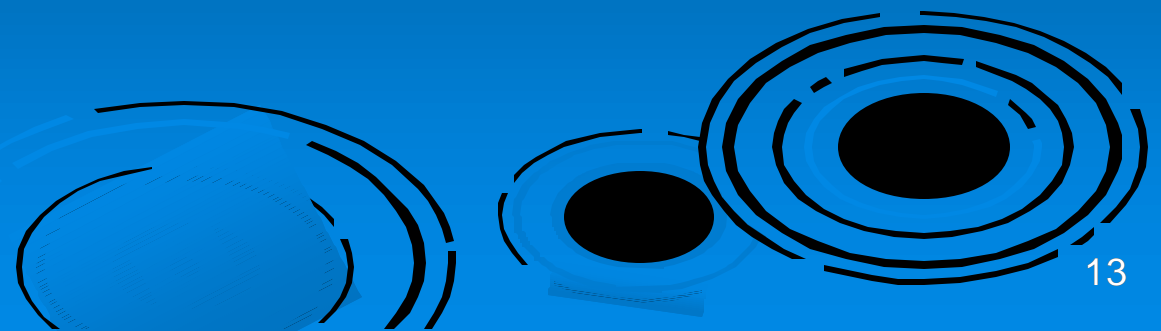
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Additional Information

1. List of all the Impaired Stream Segments addressed in this TMDL Study.
2. List of DEQ Monitoring Stations that were used to list the segments in the Upper Rappahannock TMDL Study as impaired.
3. List of impaired stream segments in the Upper Rappahannock River watershed that are NOT addressed in this TMDL.



| Rappahannock Watershed Technical Advisory Committee | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Stream Name | Locality | Impairment | Length (miles) | Upstream Limit | Downstream Limit |
| Hughes River | Culpeper Rappahannock | Bacteria | 3.68 | Kilbys Run | Hazel River |
| Hazel River | Culpeper | Bacteria | 16.67 | Rt. 707 Bridge | Unnamed Tributary |
| Hazel River | Culpeper | Bacteria | 3.32 | Indian Run | Muddy Run |
| Rush River | Rappahannock | Bacteria | 4.55 | Unnamed Tributary | Big Branch |
| Rappahannock River | Fauquier Rappahannock | Bacteria | 2.17 | Jordan River | UT |
| Marsh Run | Fauquier | Bacteria | 8.35 | Craig Run | Rappahannock River |
| Browns Run | Fauquier | Bacteria | 2.39 | Unnamed Tributary | Marsh Run |
| Craig Run | Fauquier | Bacteria | 3.61 | Headwaters of Craig Run | Marsh Run |
| Rappahannock River | Culpeper Fauquier | Bacteria | 2.02 | Ruffans Run | Tinpot Run |
| Rappahannock River | Culpeper Fauquier | Bacteria | 2.85 | Unnamed Tributary | Marsh Run |

Rapidan Watershed Technical Advisory Committee

| Stream Name | Locality | Impairment | Length (miles) | Upstream Limit | Downstream Limit |
|--|-------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Blue Run | Orange Albemarle | Bacteria | 11.61 | Headwaters of Blue Run | Rapidan River |
| Rapidan River | Culpeper Madison Orange | Bacteria | 7.5 | Poplar Run | Robinson River |
| Marsh Run | Greene Madison Orange | Bacteria | 5.19 | Headwaters of Marsh Run | Rapidan River |
| Unnamed Tributary to Rapidan River | Madison Orange | Bacteria | 2.57 | Headwaters of Unnamed Tributary | Rapidan River |
| Cedar Run | Culpeper | Bacteria | 5.4 | Buck Run | Rapidan River |
| Rapidan River | Culpeper Spotsylvania | Bacteria | 2.68 | Wilderness Run | Middle Run |

DEQ Listing Stations for Upper Rappahannock

| TMDL ID | Stream Name | Monitoring Station | Station Location | Year First Listed as Impaired | 2004 Exceedance Rate <i>Fecal Coliform Standard</i> | 2006 Exceedance Rate | |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | <i>Fecal Coliform Standard</i> | <i>E. Coli Standard</i> |
| VAN-E08R-02 | Browns Run | 3-BOS000.72 | Route 653 | 2002 | 57% (4 of 7) | 100% (3 of 3) | N/A |
| VAN-E08R-03 | Craig Run | 3-CRA000.82 | Route 656 | 2004 | 43% (3 of 7) | 100% (3 of 3) | N/A |
| VAN-E04R-01 | Hazel River | 3-HAZ018.29 | Route 729 | 2002 | 20% (4 of 20) | 15% (3 of 20) | 33% (3 of 9) |
| | | 3-HAZ026.16 | Route 522 | 2006 | N/A | 33% (2 of 6) | 33% (2 of 6) |
| | | 3-HAZ032.54 | Route 644 | 2006 | N/A | 21% (3 of 14) | N/A |
| 60076 | Hazel River | 3-HAZ005.98 | Route 625 | 2006 | N/A | 36% (5 of 14) | 50% (5 of 10) |
| VAN-E03R-01 | Hughes River | 3-HUE000.20 | Route 644 | 2004 | 12% (2 of 17) | 16% (3 of 19) | 36% (4 of 11) |
| VAN-E08R-01 | Marsh Run | 3-MAH000.19 | Route 651 | 1996 | 21% (3 of 14) | N/A | 29% (2 of 7) |
| | | 3-MAH004.18 | Route 668 | 1996 | 44% (4 of 9) | 75% (3 of 4) | N/A |
| VAN-E08R-04 | Rappahannock River | 3-RPP147.10 | Route 15/29 | 2004 | 22% (8 of 37) | N/A | 39% (5 of 13) |
| VAN-E01R-03 | Rappahannock River | 3-RPP175.51 | Route 647 | 2002 | 16% (3 of 19) | N/A | 29% (4 of 14) |
| 60081 | Rappahannock River | 3-RPP142.36 | Route 620 | 2006 | N/A | N/A | 29% (2 of 7) |
| VAN-E05R-01 | Rush River | 3-RUS005.66 | Route 683, upstream of Route 211/522 | 2002 | 24% (4 of 17) | 22% (4 of 18) | 44% (4 of 9) |

DEQ Listing Stations for the Rapidan River

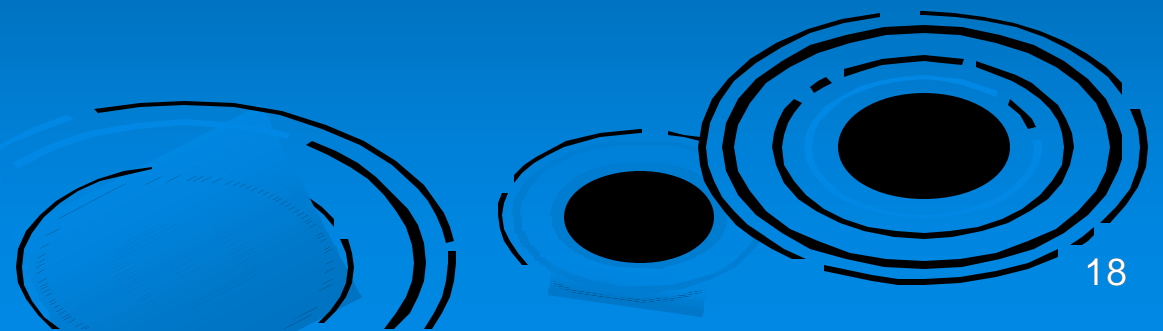
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|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | <i>Fecal Coliform Standard</i> | <i>E. Coli Standard</i> |
| VAN-E13R-01 | Blue Run | 3-BLU002.60 | Route 20 | 2002 | 40% (8 of 20) | 35% (7 of 20) | 50% (3 of 6) |
| | | 3-BLU006.44 | Bridge for an unnamed road through Tibbstown | 2006 | N/A | 40% (2 of 5) | N/A |
| VAN-E16R-01 | Cedar Run | 3-CED000.59 | Route 522 | 2004 | 25% (5 of 20) | 15% (2 of 13) | N/A |
| | | 3-CED003.52 | Route 652 | N/A | N/A | 38% (3 of 8) | 100% (3 of 3) |
| VAN-E13R-03 | Marsh Run | 3-MAS001.55 | Route 644 | 2004 | 67% (2 of 3) | 31% (4 of 13) | N/A |
| VAN-E13R-02 | Rapidan River | 3-RAP045.08 | Route 15 | 2002 | 29% (10 of 35) | N/A | 43% (6 of 14) |
| VAN-E18R-01 | Rapidan River | 3-RAP006.53 | Route 610 | 2002 | 32% (12 of 38) | N/A | 58% (7 of 12) |
| VAN-E13R-04 | Unnamed Tributary to Rapidan River | 3-XEZ000.12 | Route 634 | 2004 | 100% (2 of 2) | 43% (3 of 7) | 40% (2 of 5) |

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Water Quality Standards

- Waters are listed as impaired based on Water Quality Standards (WQS).
- Water Quality Standards:
 - Regulations based on federal and state law.
 - Set numeric and narrative limits on pollutants.
 - Consist of designated use(s) and water quality criteria to protect the designated uses.



Designated Uses

- Recreational
- Aquatic Life
- Public Water Supply
- Wildlife
- Fish Consumption
- Shellfish



How a TMDL Project is Managed

- DEQ is the Project Lead for the TMDL Development Phase (DCR provides assistance).
- DEQ subcontracts out the modeling and technical work involved in TMDL Development.
- Stakeholder and public participation:
 - Other VA Agencies, Local Governments, Community Groups, etc. are invited to participate in Technical Advisory Committee meetings.
 - The general public and interested stakeholders are invited to public information meetings.
- Once the study has been approved by the EPA and the State Water Control Board, the Implementation Plan process begins.
- DCR is the lead for Implementation Plan Development (DEQ provides assistance).